

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4998
ANSWERED ON:20.12.2000
MILITANTS ACTIVITIES IN KASHMIR VALLEY
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether certain reports on `Pak convicts offered road to freedom through Kashmir` appeared in some newspaper on November 12, 2000;
- (b) if so, the fact thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Yes, Sir. Government have seen the report which appeared in the Hindustan Times on 12th November 2000.

(b)&(c) Pakistan's intelligence agencies use, among others, the services of criminals involved in the illicit narcotics and arms trade, as well as other illegal activities to sponsor cross border terrorism and violence in India.

Government is firm in its resolve to take all necessary measures to preserve the security and territorial integrity of the country.